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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 AND 1.98**

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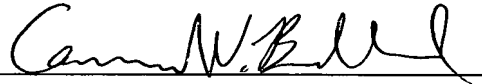
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	AN	GB 2 319 997 A	06/10/1998	Autoliv Development AB		
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